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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
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In re Application of George E. Fox, )  
Richard C. Willson III and Zhengdong Zhang )  
Serial No.:10/057,270 ) Examiner  
 ) Jason Sims  
 ) 571 272 7540  
 ) Group 1631  
Filed: 26 Jan 2002 )  
For: ... Methods for Determining the Genetic )  
Affinity of Microorganisms and Viruses )  
Priority: 26 Jan 2001, USSN 60/254,403 )  
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USPTO Customer Number: 26830 )  
Response Due: 9 August 2010 [Two Months] )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 9 June 2010 by Examiner  
Sims, consideration of the following Supplemental Amendments and Remarks is  
solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Amendment is being filed  
in the USPTO on 9 August 2010 by fax to 1571 273 8300.

No Additional fee is believed due as the number of independent claims is now